

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Union Government in the Ministry of Welfare has given a total grant-in-aid of Rs. 30.01 crores so far to Maulana Azad Education Foundation—Rs. 5 crore in 1992-93 and Rs. 25.01 crores during 1994-95 under a Plan scheme "Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation".

(c) and (d) As per the rules and regulations of the Foundation the accounts of the Foundation are to be kept in the forms and on the lines laid down by the Governing Body of the Foundation and are to be audited regularly/annually by a firm of Chartered Accountants appointed by the Foundation. Accordingly, the accounts of the foundation are audited annually by a firm of Chartered Accountants appointed by the Foundation.

(e) The grant of Rs. 30.01 crores given by the Ministry of Welfare to Maulana Azad Education Foundation is to be the Corpus Funds of the Foundation meaning thereby that while the principal amount is to remain intact, the interest accruing therefrom is to be utilised by the Foundation for implementing this scheme of attain its objective which is to promote education amongst the educationally backward sections of the society—minorities in particular and other weaker sections in general. During the last three years the Foundation has released the following amounts to various Educational and Social Minority Institutions for this purpose:—

Year	Number of Institutions	Total amount released
1994-95	01 (one)	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
1995-96	09	Rs. 102.70 lakhs
1996-97	35	Rs. 303.47 lakhs
Total :	45	Rs. 416.17 lakhs

(f) There is a detailed procedure for sanction of grants to the institutions by the Foundation which, *inter-alia*, takes into account the fact that whether the audit of accounts of the institution has been carried out and whether the audit reports are available for the last three years.

Air Pollution threat for certain Crops

3336. LT. GEN. PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the alarming level of air pollution can pose threat to certain crops reducing their yield by 40 per cent;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has received any report on the research conducted by International Organisations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Studies carried out on effect of air pollution have indicated that the productivity of certain crops like wheat, soyabean, maize, rice etc. is affected. However, no conclusive data on the extent of damage caused to these crops is available.

(b) and (c) No report on the research conducted by International Organisations in this regard has been received in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. However, Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken the following steps to check air pollution.

- Standards for brick kilns have been prescribed for particulate emissions and for stack height.
- Ambient air quality standards have been notified. A network of ambient air quality monitoring stations have been set up.
- Effluent and emissions standards have been notified for the major categories of polluting industries.
- Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment with in stipulated time-frame and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.
- Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.
- 17 categories of highly polluting industries have been identified for priority action.
- A scheme on common effluent treatment plants for clusters of small scale industries has been taken up.
- Preparation of Zoning Atlas for siting of industries has been taken up.
- More stringent norms for vehicular emissions have been notified under the Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and have come into effect from April, 1996.
- Unleaded petrol has been introduced in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai with effect from 1.4.1995. The same will be effective in all other capitals of States/UTs and other major cities with effect from 31.12.1998 and for the entire country with effect from 1.4.2000.

11. Fuel quality standards for petrol and diesel vehicles have been notified.
12. Environment epidemiological studies in identified critically polluted areas have been initiated.

Third Border Wing in Gujarat

3337. DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat sent any proposal for creation of third border wing home guards in the State has been pending since 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) The State Government of Gujarat has been interacting with the Central Government even before 1993 for sanction of an additional battalion of Border Wing Home Guards. The State Government was also apprised that the proposal was not acceptable. During December 1996, a request was once again received from the State Government to consider the proposal in order to supplement the police presence in their border areas to curb anti-smuggling operations and other subversive activities. As the issue has various administrative complexities it is not possible to fix a definite time frame for finalisation of the issue.

Recruitment in Andaman and Nicobar

3338. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recruitment to Delhi Andman Nicobar Island Civil Services (DANIL) is 50 per cent by direct recruitment and 50 per cent by promotion from the eligible categories in the feeder cadre;

(b) whether the Departmental promotion committee meets regularly;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a proposal sent in 1990 by the State Governments/UTs for regularisation of ad-hoc officers is still pending with the Ministry; and

(e) the time by which the Government propose to fill the promotional posts, especially the posts of promotion quota reserved for SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) At present there are fifty promotion quota vacancies available for induction to DANIL Civil Service for the years 1990 to 1993. It has not been possible to fill up these vacancies for want of up-to-date Annual Confidential Reports/Vigilance Clearance of the eligible officers. The UTs. Administrations concerned have been advised to make available these records.

River Valley Projects

3339. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether catchments namely Upper Kolab and Upper Indra Wati have been included for treatment under the Soil Conservation Schemes of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers;

(b) if so, the amount spent so far under these schemes and the results achieved thereof;

(c) whether cases of diversification of funds meant under the schemes for other purposes have come to the light; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Catchments of Upper Kolab and Upper Indra Wati have been included under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects. Project proposals for watersheds falling in these catchments have not been received from the concerned State Governments and therefore, no Central funds have been released so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

12.03 hrs.

RE: CONSTITUTION (EIGHTY-FIRST AMENDMENT) BILL

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I am going to put forward your point. First listen to me.

...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please listen to me.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : Item No. 20 should be taken up first. ...(Interruptions)